

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of playing blackjack and variations thereof where at least one different winning player point score pays a different award.

2. The method of Claim 1 where the expected value of play exceeds 100%.

3. The method of Claim 1 played on an electronic gambling device.

4. The method of Claim 1 played with traditional playing cards.

5. A method of playing blackjack and variations thereof where at least one winning hard point total pays differently from a winning soft point total of the same score.

6. The method of Claim 5 where the expected value of play exceeds 100%.

7. The method of Claim 5 played on an electronic gambling device.

8. The method of Claim 5 played with traditional playing cards.

9. The method of Claim 5 where the number of cards taken to make up a player's point score determines a different award.

330 10. A method of playing blackjack and variations thereof that conditions game play upon first qualifying and said qualification consists of the steps of either:

- a. paying cash or anything of value in addition to the bet for the right to play; or
- b. by achieving a pre-defined status in a player's club; or
- c. by first reaching pre-determined events in another game; or
- d. by any other acceptable means.

335 11. The method of Claim 10, whereby once qualification is achieved the game's expected value equals or exceeds 100% payback to the player.

340 12. The method of Claim 10 played on an electronic gambling device.

13. The method of Claim 10 played with traditional playing cards.

345 14. The method of Claim 10 where the number of cards taken to make up a player's point score determines a different award.

15. The method of Claim 10, whereby a player may be paid for a losing hand.